

INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT TASK FORCE

MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2006 LITTLETON, NH

Members present:

Jeanne Erickson, Speare Memorial Hospital; Chandra Engelbert, Weeks Medical Center, Adam Smith, Ross Ambulance, Clay Odell, NHBEMS, Ed Lavery, UCVH, Jean McGovern, Littleton Regional Hospital, Scott Lancaster, Gorham EMS, Jonathan Dubey, Berlin EMS, Kurt Lucas, Littleton Regional Hospital, David Tauber, Advanced Life Support Institute.

- The group discussed the data collection project. All the target hospitals are currently collecting data. Clay will request the hospitals to send the data sheets that they collected in December at the end of the month. All the hospitals were contacted after the first week of December and indicated that the data collection process was underway.
- The group revisited the idea of crew resource sharing. The thought was that the concept of an auxiliary per-diem pool for each service, that the IFTTF came up with last year, was not an efficient model. A smaller group will be invited to work on this issue as a subcommittee.
- Kurt Lucas asked if the Local Government Center had been approached yet about concerns with insurance issues related to EMS providers working in ambulances that they are not employed by. Clay replied that had not been done yet, but will get on the front burner.
- There was a discussion about critical care paramedic training and which direction to pursue. David Tauber of ALSI was in attendance at the meeting to address questions as he is an approved instructor for UMBC. There was a subcommittee meeting afterwards. The notes from that meeting are attached to this document.

The next meeting of the Interfacility Transport Task Force will be Tuesday February 20, 2007, from 9:30am to 11:30am at Littleton Regional Hospital. The IFT Task Force thanks Littleton Regional Hospital once again for their generous donation of meeting space and food to support this effort.

Work Plan for CC EMTP Course

Present: Clay O'Dell, Chandra Engelbert, David Tauber, Jeanne Erickson

Discussion Points:

- University Maryland Baltimore Campus, the parent company, has gone through organizational changes which haven't always been to the benefit of the CC EMTP course.
- Jeanne reviewed the numerous attempts to coordinate hosting the course through the local franchise at So. Maine Community College. Most of the progress was achieved by repeated e-mails and phone calls to Bob Hawkes, the program coordinator. The last conversations were that his scheduler would contact me to move forward on contracts/schedules, etc. That contact never happened despite 2 follow-up inquiries. Chandra has also made attempts to reach people at SMCC, also with little success.
- David reports that he has been involved with this program for some time, serving as an instructor, the lead instructor twice and coordinator in 2004. He, therefore, has a prior relationship with UMBC and may be able to get them to consider allowing him to present the program. He has spoken with them and will follow it up with a formal request and application.
- UMBC strongly prefers to have their CC EMTP course affiliated with an institute of higher learning, which ALSI is.
- Generally, UMBC gets a flat fee of ~ \$3,000.00 plus \$200.00 more per student. Additional costs include travel money to send someone from Baltimore to administer the final exam. Then add in the costs of the individual lecturers and the advanced equipment needed (if you can't procure your own).
- We looked at what other nationally recognized programs there are. And they are few in number: the Flight Paramedic Course and a new course out of University of Ohio, as well as the CC EMTP. Members of the IFT Group have been consistent in the desire to sponsor a program with national recognition and acceptance.
- Many states have established their own standards and programs but most of those programs are geared more for interfacility transfer than for critical care. VT, MA & CT have adopted their own programs.
- CC EMTP course material states that the class is 80 hours but in reality, it is closer to 120 hours, especially if you add in clinical/field time.
- David *strongly* recommends the additional hours and clinical component.
- Cost of taking the test is @ \$175 - 200.00 Flight 'Medic courses can be done on-line, if we move in that direction [i.e. take the Flight 'Medic curriculum and go with that].
- Running our own CC EMTP course with David coordinating/teaching will cost about \$1,250.00 per student. This is close to what we had budgeted for.
- David will pursue getting UMBC to approve him as a site coordinator under ALSI.
- Clay will draft a letter to UMBC expressing our concerns & disappointments in getting SMCC to move this forward and to lend support to having someone else (David) coordinate the course here.